

**United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Criminal Investigation Division  
Investigative Activity Report**

**Case Number**

0500-0614

**Case Title:**

Village of Crestwood, IL

**Reporting Office:**

Chicago, IL, Area Office

**Subject of Report:**

Interview of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) on April 29, 2009

**Activity Date:**

April 29, 2009

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) SA  
14-MAY-2009, Signed by: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) SA

**Approving Official and Date:**

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), SAC  
15-MAY-2009, Approved by: (b) (6), (b) (7), SAC

**SYNOPSIS**

04/29/2009 - On or about June of 2008 (b) (6), was given the responsibility of completing the Monthly Operating Reports for Drinking Water. (b) (6), (b) was trained by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to sign the Monthly Operating Report with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) signature and (b) (6), (b) (7) signed the Monthly Operating Reports with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) signature prior to (b) taking over this position.

**DETAILS**

On April 29, 2009, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Secretary for the Village of Crestwood, was interviewed by Special Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) US EPA, Criminal Investigation Division, Cleveland Resident Office. This interview took place during the service of a federal search warrant at the Tierra Environmental facility, located at the Crestwood Village Hall located at 13840 Cicero Ave, Crestwood, IL. (b) (6), (b) resides at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Mokena, IL 60448 and (b) home telephone phone number is (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Upon presentation of credentials and stating the purpose of the interview, (b) (6), (b) provided the following information.

(b) (6), (b) started working for the Village of Crestwood in August of 1986 as a Secretary. (b) job duties included counter work, business licenses and drinking water billing. (b) (6), (b) explained that billing included posting drinking water payments received from customers and mailing water shut off notices. (b) (6), (b) advised from March to September of 2007 (b) took an extended leave of absence from work. (b) (6), (b) stated on or about June of 2008 (b) was given the responsibility of completing the Monthly Operating Reports for Drinking Water.

(b) (6), (b) advised that another employee, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) held this position before (b) and trained (b) how to complete the monthly operating reports. (b) (6), (b) stated the first monthly operating report (b) completed was for June 2008. (b) (6), (b) was given a copy of the November 2006 Monthly Operating Report submitted by Village of Crestwood to the Illinois EPA to

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review. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated the report was completed before (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) took over the position and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) believes that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) completed it. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was instructed by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to sign the form with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) signature. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) added that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) signed the document with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) signature prior to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) taking over this position. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) added that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was also instructed to fill in the date at the top on the form and under (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) name. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) advised that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) completed the rest of the report.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was asked to review a copy of a ledger and was questioned about the source of the information on the ledger. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) took SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to the safe to retrieve the original ledger and then to file room to retrieve a file containing the documentation for the monthly operating reports and the billing records for the water purchased from Alsip. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) explained that every month (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) gave (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) a handwritten spreadsheet and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) used the information provided on (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) spreadsheet and the Alsip's billing records to complete the ledger for each month. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated the copy of the ledger (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) reviewed appeared to be one of the documents (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had copied as a part of a Freedom of Information Act request (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) completed for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) advised that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) gave (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) the spreadsheet each month but (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did not know if he completes the form himself or where the information contained in the spreadsheet comes from. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) also uses this spreadsheet to fill out the monthly operating reports. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) opened the file containing the monthly operating reports and removed the associated documents for the December 2008 monthly operating report. The documents included the Monthly Operation and Chemical Analysis Report, Monthly Operating Report, Summary Monitoring Finished Water Quality Report, Water Treatment Report, Community Water Supply Report, and the spreadsheet provided by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) explained how the reports were filled out: the Monthly Operation and Chemical Analysis, Summary Monitoring Finished Water Quality, and Water Treatment Reports are filled out by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and any of the numbers (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) uses to complete these reports come from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) spreadsheet. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) reiterated that prior to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) taking over this position (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) taught (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) how to complete the reports and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) believes that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) completed the reports in the same manner. The Monthly Operating Report is completed by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) except for the signature, the date under the signature, the date on the top and the EPA drinking water number which is filled out by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) before (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). The Community Water Supply Report is completed by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated the normal procedure is to mail the Monthly Operating Reports to the Illinois EPA after they are completed however in the event the reports are not completed until late in the month (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) faxes a copy of the reports to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) at the Illinois EPA and then mails them.

When (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was asked about difference in the number between "Gallons Billed By Aslip" and the "Gallon Billed to Crestwood Residences" in the ledger, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) explained that in the Village of Crestwood residences, schools and nursing homes are divided into four routes which billed on a quarterly basis. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) then added each route is billed on a separate month during the quarter with two of routes billed on the same month. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) said the commercial property, condominiums and apartments are billed monthly.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had no knowledge that Crestwood was mixing contaminated well water with purchased water. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) advised that there have been no meetings and the Village's management never addressed the issue with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) except to have (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) make copies. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) advised that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) only learned of the problem with the drinking water after the story hit the news. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) advised that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has no knowledge that any records were destroyed. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) added that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) directed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to make copies of the monthly operating reports from 1986 until 2006. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) believes these copies were either for the Illinois EPA or attorneys. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) just finished a second request for copies of the monthly operating reports from December 1986 until January 2006 from the EPA. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did not know if it was the Illinois or U.S. EPA which made the request and stated the name on the request was "Shuhobo (EPA)".

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